

Please replace the **ABSTRACT** section on page 7 of the specification, with the following amended section:

The drum tuning system is comprised of a ~~drum~~ brace ring and a toggle clamp that ~~clamps onto "hooks"~~ fastened to a hook bolt that ~~are on~~ hooks onto the sides of the ~~drum~~ drum's brace ring. The drum tuning system is operated by ~~clamping~~ attaching a toggle clamp onto each "hook" on the system's ring ~~[[,]]~~ and clamping down on each "hook" ~~[[,]]~~ lifting . Lifting up the handle on the toggle clamp, which in turn loosens the hook bolt on the toggle ~~clamp and clamp~~, allows the drummer to adjust the effective length of the ~~toggle clamp's~~ hook to achieve the desired tension required for the proper tone on the drum. If further adjustment is required, the drummer merely clamps on down or unclamps each "hook" on the drum's ring in turn and repeats the tuning process until the desired tone has been achieved.